

Annual Assembly May 2023

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Welcome to the 2023 Annual Assembly.

I formally took over as chairperson last May after Bob Birkenhead stood down as a parish councillor, I must thank Bob for all his hard work as it was a most challenging time for him.

We have a new unitary council which is now up and running, as a parish council we are not sure if this will mean more work for our councillors, but it will take a while for things to be sorted.

During the past year we have had yet another application for 60 houses on Brookside Road, but the parish council again endorsed their concerns on many of the issues raised before, at the moment there has not been another application.

We are still awaiting news on the footpaths around Combwich Ponds, it has been an exhausting time for Barry Leathwood who has championed this cause since 2007, hopefully with the new unitary council in place we can soon resolve this.

EDF have started deliveries at the wharf of large equipment for Hinkley C, all seems to be going well after a few minor issues at first.

We had a tree survey done and it was clear that we needed to take several large trees down on Wharf Road as they were causing problems. The Parish Councillors with help from the community are starting to make Wharf Road a tidier and more pleasant area with wild habitats and new trees being planted later this year. The councillors with help have also tidied the entrance to the village and around the barn area. The Brownie copse has got overgrown and a working party will be tackling this area soon.

Our village gardener Keith Preston has retired after 15 years, we wish him well for the future and thank him for all his hard work.

Finally, the Parish Council is committed to make the village a pleasant area for people who live here and visitors to enjoy.

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